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Hello--I live South of Aberdeen between Queen and Dundurn and am writing to register my disagreement with the upcoming conversion of Aberdeen (between Queen and Dundurn) from a 4 to 2 lane road. Aberdeen is an arterial road used by many to gain access to Westdale, McMaster University and Highway 403. Conversion of Queen Street to a two way street does little to alleviate the traffic turning left onto Aberdeen, mainly reducing traffic travelling east from Queen towards downtown.

Reducing the number of lanes on Aberdeen will back up traffic significantly, especially when vehicles attempt to turn left or when the bus is travelling along its route, resulting in cars cutting through the residential neighbourhoods both north and south of the street to find quicker routes. Drivers who become impatient while being stuck in congestion are also more likely to race to clear the traffic lights and/or run yellow and red lights. Both of these events will seriously endanger neighbourhood residents, of which a significant number are children.

There are presently 5 locations for pedestrians to safely cross Aberdeen on this stretch of road. If safety is truly the only motivating factor behind this change (and since Aberdeen isn't even in the top 500 of dangerous roads in Hamilton, it seems unlikely), it would likely be better to put in red light cameras and speed traps along this route.

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